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Manager's Newsletter

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Town Council Meeting Highlights from December 7, 2009

The Kitty Hawk Town Council met on Monday, December 7th at 6 p.m. Below are highlights of the actions that took place.

- Mayor Perry, Councilman Perry, and Councilman Reid took Oaths of Office and Mayor Pro Tempore selection was granted to Gary Perry. He will serve a two year term in this role.
- Employee Recognition to Brian Strickland for 15 years of employment. Officer Strickland was presented a plaque.
- Town of Kitty Hawk Marathon Color Winners were announced. The winners are 1st Place – Monte Hooker and Ann Lassiter, 2nd Place – Cathy Elwang, and 3rd Place – Audrey McMullan.
- Outer Banks Sporting Events, Jim Snyder, presented on the “*Irish Pirate Half*” and stated that the date has been changed to April 18, 2010. Mr. Snyder also thanked the Council for their support in the Outer Banks Marathon and presented them with framed artwork for Town Hall.
- Public Hearings were held and actions made for the below:
 - Text Amendment to Amend Sections 42-1 and 42-360(c)(1) to generally permit commercial recreational activities as a conditional use in the Sound Waters district, remove the reference to listing uses, and establish a definition for “commercial recreational activities”. This proposed ordinance was denied.
 - Sandy Run Park Phase II. Council decided to continue with the grant process on Phase II.
- Call For Public Hearings – scheduled for January 4, 2010:
 - **Conditional Use Permit:** Application for a conditional use permit to establish a

church in a Beach Commercial (BC-2) zoning district within the existing building at 3928 N. Croatan Highway. The public hearing was requested to be scheduled for January 4, 2010.

- **Zoning Amendment:** Application to amend the existing Planned Commercial Development (PCD) zoning district at Barrier Island Station to include a “warehouse/distribution center” as a permitted use. The public hearing is requested to be scheduled on January 4, 2010.
- Under New Business a three year Capital Improvement Plan was adopted as a component of the Sandy Run Park PARTF grant application.
- Recycling Center hours of operation change to open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Closed on Wednesday and Sunday.

Holiday Schedules for Trash Collection and Recycling Center

Trash collection, Residential and Commercial, for the week of Christmas will be on Monday, December 21st and Wednesday, December 23rd. For the week of New Year's residential collection will be on Monday, December 28th and Wednesday, December 30th and commercial collection on Monday, December 28th and Thursday, December 31st.

Recycling Center will be closed for Christmas from Thursday, December 24th through Sunday, December 27th and for New Year's from Friday, January 1st through Sunday, January 3rd. For additional questions call Public Works a 252-261-1367.

Recycle Center Hours Change for 2010

In an effort to reduce operating costs, the Recycle Center is changing its hours, starting January 4th. The new hours will be:

Monday – Tuesday:	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday – Friday:	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday:	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We apologize for any inconvenience. For additional questions call Public Works a 252-261-1367.

Planning Board Meeting Summary December 10, 2009

At its meeting on December 10th, the Kitty Hawk Planning Board reviewed a site plan for

the construction of a new bank/office building on a 1.37 acre property on the southeast corner of N. Croatan Highway and Eckner Street (4629 N. Croatan Highway). The project would involve the construction of a two-story building, 8,400 square feet in size, with OBX Bank on the first floor and offices above for use by the bank or tenants. The property would not directly access N. Croatan Highway, but would have two driveways off of Eckner Street and one drive off of Lindbergh Avenue at the rear of the property.

The Planning Board members strongly encouraged the applicant to consider the provision of an inter-parcel connection with the undeveloped properties immediately to the south, noting that such connection could provide safer access between the properties in the future. The applicant declined to provide this connection, citing security concerns and the challenge of finding the best location for the connection. The Planning Board found that the proposed site plan complies with Town development standards and unanimously recommended approval of the site plan to Town Council.

Planning Director Joe Heard presented the Planning Board with an update on the proposed improvements to Sandy Run Park being submitted for a grant from the NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund.

Kitty Hawk Obtains CRS Certification for 2010

The Kitty Hawk Planning & Inspections Department is pleased to report that the Town of Kitty Hawk has been recertified as a participant in the Community Rating System (CRS) program for the year 2010. Administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the CRS program is intended to enhance public safety, reduce damage to property and public infrastructure, protect the environment, and avoid economic disruption and losses due to flooding.

For communities that follow certain measures to educate citizens and limit flooding damage, the CRS program provides lower insurance premiums under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Town of Kitty Hawk has maintained a Class 6 rating, which provides a 20% flood insurance premium reduction to our property owners. With the most recent FEMA figures showing that 1,500 flood insurance policies are purchased annually in Kitty Hawk, it's clear that a great percentage of the Town's residents, businesses, and property owners benefit from participation in the CRS program. The Town of Kitty Hawk's Class 6 rating is tied with Nags Head and Southern Shores for the best among Outer Banks communities.

The activities in which the Town of Kitty Hawk has engaged to maintain a Class 6 rating include:

1. Adopt and enforce a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance that complies with NFIP standards.
2. Require a one foot freeboard requirement for all construction, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, and other mechanical work.
3. Adopt and enforce the Town's Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance in compliance with NC DENR standards.

4. Adopt and implement the goals of the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
5. Require and maintain (in perpetuity) elevation certificates for new development and substantially damaged and improved properties.
6. Maintain documentation about inquires into Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) zones. Advise anyone inquiring about flood damage protection standards and flood insurance.
7. Provide flood maps and related floodplain management information to property owners, insurance agents, and other interested parties.
8. Mail information about flood damage prevention, flood insurance, and safety measures twice annually to all property owners.
9. Post a variety of flood information on the Town's website and a link to FEMA's website.
10. Assist FEMA and the State of NC in efforts to update the annual erosion rate maps.
11. Acquire and maintain deeded open space on properties located in Special Flood Hazard Areas (examples include Kitty Hawk Woods Coastal Reserve and ocean front properties).
12. Track and submit an annual report on repetitive loss properties.
13. Acquire and relocate buildings within flood hazard areas.
14. Provide map and permit records to CRS documenting structures that were protected from flood hazards.

Kitty Hawk Fire Department News

During the month of November 2009, the Kitty Hawk Fire Department responded to 45 emergency calls for service. The breakdown is as follows:

Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid	4
Medical Calls	15
Building Fire	2
Vehicle accident with injuries	2
Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	1
Watercraft rescue	1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	2
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	1
Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1
Service call, other (fallen tree)	2
Water evacuation	1
Public service	1
Good intent call, other	1
Bomb scare – no bomb	1
Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional	5
Alarm system sounded, no fire – unintentional	1
Flood assessment	2
Lightning strike (no fire)	1

Reminder to All Leaving Town for the Holidays

If you are planning to leave town for the holidays, please be sure to call the Police Department to be placed on our Residence Check List. While you are gone, your residence will be checked twice a day to make sure everything is secure. All you have to do is to stop by or call the Police Department and provide a small amount of information and you will be set. You can reach the Police Department at 261-3895.

Town Offices Closed

The Town of Kitty Hawk Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. We will also be closed Friday, January 1st in observance of the New Year's Holiday.

2010 Census Hiring

2010 Census is hiring. See the following link <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/> or call 1.866.861.2010 for more information.

Opportunities to Participate

Town Council Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Planning Board Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 6 p.m.

(All Meetings to be held at Kitty Hawk Town Hall unless otherwise noted.)